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LOCALLY-BASED BREEDERS' CUP CONTENDERS LOG PENULTIMATE BREEZES FRIDAY MORNING AT CHURCHILL DOWNS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, Oct. 19, 2018) – With just two weeks until the Breeders' Cup World Championships returns to Churchill Downs for a record-equaling ninth time, locally-based contenders **Mind Your Biscuits**, **Seeking the Soul**, **Thunder Snow (IRE)**, **Whitmore** and **Wonder Gadot** logged their penultimate breezes for the Nov. 2-3 championship event on a chilly Friday morning beneath the historic Twin Spires.

Mind Your Biscuits, who has been based on the backstretch of Churchill Downs in Barn 18 since early September, worked six furlongs in 1:15 with jockey **Tyler Gaffalione** in the saddle and in company with possible Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (Grade I) contender **Imperative** (1:16.40) through splits of :13.40, :26.60, :39.40 and :51.80, before galloping out seven furlongs in 1:28 and one mile in 1:41.20, according to Churchill Downs clocker **John Nichols**.

"That was perfect 'T,'" trainer **Chad Summers** said over the radio to **Gaffalione**. "Absolutely perfect."

Mind Your Biscuits, the richest New York-bred in history with \$4,279,566 in earnings, is targeting either the Breeders' Cup Classic (GI), Dirt Mile or TwinSpires Sprint (GI), according to Summers.

"We're just keeping our options open as we have been all year," Summers said. "It was a really strong breeze and he's doing great here at Churchill. The work itself may have started a bit too slow but I think visually it was good. The pre-entry deadline is Monday and we'll go from there. We saw in the (1 1/8-mile) Lukas Classic he can stretch out and go long. We'll just see what happens."

Mind Your Biscuits, a 5-year-old chestnut-son of Posse, has eight victories through 24 starts including two victories in the Dubai Golden Shaheen (GI) and, most recently, a win in the Lukas Classic (GIII) at Churchill Downs.

One of the contenders Mind Your Biscuits could face should he enter the Classic is **Godolphin's** Dubai World Cup (GI) winner **Thunder Snow**, who worked one mile in 1:42.20 through eighth-mile splits of :14.20, :26.60, :39.60, :51.80, 1:04.20 and 1:16.80, according to Nichols.

"We're very happy with the way he's doing," Godolphin's travelling manager **Tommy Burns** said. "We gave him an extra blow today since he's been pretty fresh. We're very pleased with how it went."

Trainer **Saeed bin Suroor** is expected to arrive to Louisville the week of the Breeders' Cup, according to Burns.

Thunder Snow, a 4-year-old colt by Helmet (AUS), most recently finished second in the Jockey Club Gold Cup (GI) behind fellow Breeders' Cup Classic-contender **Discreet Lover**.

Also on the Friday morning work tab at Churchill Downs was **Charles Fipke's** Clark Handicap (GI) winner **Seeking the Soul**, who worked five furlongs in 1:01 at 5:45 a.m.

"It was a really solid work," trainer **Dallas Stewart** said. "I'm a big believer in following patterns. When I worked with **Wayne (Lukas)** through three of the Derby wins we had the same work pattern and it obviously worked out. I like breezing on Fridays to give us an extra day wiggle room in case of bad weather. That way if we have to push the work back, we're not on top of the race if it's on a Saturday, like the Classic is. We just hope we can get in the Classic."

Just prior to Seeking the Soul's work, **Robert Lapenta, Southern Springs Stables** and **Head of Plains Partners'** top sprinter **Whitmore** breezed a half-mile in :47 inside of stablemate **Petrov** through splits of :11.60, :23 and :35 prior to galloping out five furlongs in 1:00.60, according to Nichols.

"He's a happy horse right now," trainer **Ron Moquett** said. "It was a great breeze. He's a naturally fast horse. Sometimes he can be tough to breeze because he can go that fast at the push of a button but when we try to get something easy into him it's sometimes tough to hold him back."

Whitmore is likely to be pre-entered in both the Dirt Mile and Sprint, according to Moquett.

Rounding out the locally-based Breeders' Cup contenders who breezed Friday morning was **Gary Barber's** Longines Distaff (GI) contender **Wonder Gadot**, who worked five furlongs in 1:00 on the outside of stablemate **Awesome Slew**.

"It was a strong work," trainer **Mark Casse's** assistant **Nick Tomlinson** said. "Both horses breezed well together and (Wonder Gadot) galloped out strong. It was what we wanted to see two weeks prior to the race."

Wonder Gadot, an Ontario-bred daughter of Medaglia d'Oro was most recently third in the Sept. 22 Cotillion (GI) at Parx behind Distaff competitors **Midnight Bisou** and **Monomoy Girl**.

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COX, GLYSHAW, ROMANS TARGET SATURDAY WORKS FOR BREEDERS' CUP CONTENDERS – Locally-based trainers **Brad Cox**, **Tim Glyshaw** and **Dale Romans** are scheduled to breeze their respective Breeders' Cup contenders Saturday morning at Churchill Downs as they continue training towards the world championship event on Nov. 2-3.

Cox is scheduled to breeze three of his Breeders' Cup contenders at 7:30 a.m. (all times Eastern), according to assistant trainer **Jorje Abrego**: **Golden Mischief** (Filly and Mare Sprint); **Monomoy Girl** (Longines Distaff) and **Will Call** (Turf Sprint). All three horses are stabled in Barn 22 at Churchill Downs.

Cox could start a fourth horse in the Breeders' Cup: **Arklow**, who finished second in Thursday's Sycamore (GIII) at Keeneland. The colt was targeting the Breeders' Cup Turf (GI).

Glyshaw, based in Barn 3 at Churchill Downs, is slated to breeze Turf Sprint contender **Buccherio** at 7:30 a.m. Saturday with jockey **Fernando De La Cruz** in the irons. Buccherio was the recent winner of the Woodford (GIII) at Keeneland.

Churchill Downs' all-time leading trainer Romans is likely to breeze top 3-year-old sprinter **Promises Fulfilled** at 9 a.m. The recent winner of the Phoenix Stakes (GII) at Keeneland is scheduled to run in either the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile or TwinSpires Sprint, according to Romans.

Promises Fulfilled's stablemate, **Seven Trumpets**, who finished third in the Gallant Bob (GIII) at Parx, is also expected to breeze Saturday at 9 a.m. and is targeting either the Dirt Mile or Sprint.

BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC CONTENDER CATHOLIC BOY SCHEDULED TO WORK SUNDAY – **Robert LaPenta**, **Madaket Stables**, **Siena Farm** and **Twin Creeks Racing Stables'** Travers (Grade I) winner **Catholic Boy** arrived at Churchill Downs late Tuesday evening and is scheduled to breeze here Sunday in preparation for a start in the \$6 million Breeders' Cup Classic (GI), according to trainer **Jonathan Thomas**.

"He shipped in really well," Thomas said. "**Javier (Castellano)** is scheduled to fly in Sunday to breeze him and we're just happy to be here at Churchill. Anytime you can be here in early May for the Derby or in the fall when there's a Breeders' Cup it's a good thing."

Catholic Boy trained Thursday for the first time at Churchill Downs and will be based in Barn 41 through the Breeders' Cup.

The 3-year-old colt by More Than Ready has won three-consecutive graded stakes races on both the turf and dirt: June 2 Pennine Ridge Stakes (GIII) at 1 1/8 miles on turf; July 7 Belmont Derby (GI) at 1 1/4 miles on turf and Aug. 25 Travers at 1 1/4 miles on dirt.

The six-time winner was fourth in last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (GI) at Del Mar.

BREEDERS' CUP PRE-ENTRY ANNOUNCEMENT ON WEDNESDAY – Pre-entered fields for the 2018 Breeders' Cup World Championships will be announced via a live stream on the Breeders' Cup website, Official Mobile App and Facebook page on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 11:30 a.m. ET.

The 35th Breeders' Cup World Championships, consisting of 14 races (13 Grade Is) with purses and awards totaling more than \$30 million, will be held for a record-tying ninth time at Churchill Downs on Friday, Nov. 2 and Saturday, Nov. 3. The live stream will be hosted by **Caton Bredar** and Churchill Downs' **Joe Kristufek**.

Breeders' Cup Pre-Entry is the first stage of a two-stage entry payment process for all owners intending to start a horse in a Breeders' Cup World Championships race. The first payment is due by 12 p.m. ET on Monday, Oct. 22. The second payment is due on Monday, Oct. 29 when entries are taken for all 14 Breeders' Cup races, and post positions will be drawn later that day.

The Official Breeders' Cup mobile app can be downloaded via the links below:

- iTunes App Store: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/breeders-cup-mobile/id1297424320?ls=1&mt=8>
- Google Play Store: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.yinzcam.venues.breederscup>

Locally, the event will take place in The Parlay's Media Briefing Room at Churchill Downs and media are welcome to attend. Breeders' Cup Limited President and CEO **Craig Fravel** and Churchill Downs Racetrack President **Kevin Flanery** will be on hand to answer media questions following the Pre-Entry announcement.

ARRIVALS/BARN LIST – All Breeders' Cup contenders must be on the grounds 72 hours prior to their race. Many of the contenders will begin arriving between 7-10 days from the event, according to Churchill Downs' Director of the Stable Area **Steve Hargrave**. Stay tuned for updates regarding arrivals following the pre-entry announcement on Wednesday, Oct. 24.

Below are the current Breeders' Cup contenders that are currently stabled at Churchill Downs:

Trainer	Horse	Race	Barn	Last Work
Tom Amoss	Lone Sailor	Classic/Dirt Mile	29	Oct. 17; 4F :49.60
Tom Amoss	Serengeti Empress	Juvenile Fillies	29	Oct. 18; 5F 1:00
Steve Asmussen	Chanteline	Turf Sprint	38	Oct. 3; 5F 1:02.20
Steve Asmussen	Mia Mischief	Filly and Mare Sprint	38	Oct. 13; 4F :49.20
Steve Asmussen	Midnight Bisou	Distaff	38	Oct. 16; 5F 1:01.20
Steve Asmussen	Switzerland	Sprint	38	Oct. 16; 5F 1:02.20
Steve Asmussen	Tight Ten	Juvenile	38	Oct. 14; 5F 1:01.40
Juan Avila	Trophy Chaser	Juvenile	34	Sept. 28; 5F :59.40
Bret Calhoun	Finley'sluckycharm	Filly and Mare Sprint	23	Oct. 18; 5F 1:00.20
Mark Casse	Wonder Gadot	Distaff	36	Oct. 19; 5F 1:00
Brad Cox	Arklow	Turf	22	Oct. 12; 4F :49.80
Brad Cox	Golden Mischief	Filly and Mare Sprint	22	Oct. 1; 4F :49.40
Brad Cox	Monomoy Girl	Distaff	22	Oct. 13; 5F 1:00
Brad Cox	Will Call	Turf Sprint	22	Sept. 30; 4F :49
Tim Glyshaw	Bucchero	Turf Sprint	3	Sept. 27; 4F :46.80
D. Wayne Lukas	Bravazo	Classic	44	Oct. 17; 5F 1:00
D. Wayne Lukas	Warrior's Club	Sprint	44	Oct. 16; 4F :48.60
Ron Moquett	Torrent	Filly and Mare Sprint	10	Oct. 1; 4F :47.80
Ron Moquett	Whitmore	Sprint/Dirt Mile	10	Oct. 19; 4F :47
Dale Romans	Promises Fulfilled	Sprint/Dirt Mile	4	Sept. 21; 5F :59.60
Dale Romans	Seven Trumpets	Dirt Mile	4	Oct. 13; 4F :49.80
Dallas Stewart	Seeking the Soul	Classic	37	Oct. 19; 5F 1:01
Chad Summers	Mind Your Biscuits	Classic/Dirt Mile/Sprint	18	Oct. 19; 6F 1:15
Saeed bin Suroor	Thunder Snow	Classic	17	Oct. 19; one mile 1:42.40
Jonathan Thomas	Catholic Boy	Classic	41	Oct. 14; 4F 1:01.20
Ian Wilkes	Quarteto de Cordas (BRZ)	Turf	26	N/A

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